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June 30, 2003

Ms. Lynda L. Dorr Secretary to the Commission Public Service Commission of Wisconsin 610 North Whitney Way Madison, Wisconsin 53705-2729

Dear Ms. Dorr:

On behalf of our client, Mosinee Telephone Company, enclosed is its Notice of Change in Rates for Local Telephone Service in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute subsection 196.213(2). Mosinee Telephone Company customers will be mailed the notice on June 30, 2003, as a bill insert.

Please call me at 608/664-9110 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kiesling Consulting LLC

Senior Consultant

**Enclosures** 

Scott Girard

Cc: Lois Kegel, Mosinee Telephone Company

## The Mosinee Telephone Company Notice of Change in Rates for Local Telephone Service

## To Our Customers:

This notice is to advise you that The Mosinee Telephone Company (Mosinee) proposes to change various local and directory assistance rates. The proposed rate changes are shown below. Mosinee has had two general rate increases since 1982 when our residential rate was \$10.30. The proposed residential rate of \$12.75 is 23% greater than the 1982 rate, which is significantly less than the cumulative inflation rate of 72% from 1982 to 2003. Further, the residence rate is less than the state-wide average of \$13.99. Our costs have increased due to inflation, increased government requirements, and the investments made in our facilities in order to continue to provide up-to-date services and to maintain the high quality of service that our customers desire.

This change in rates and charges for local telecommunications service will automatically go into effect on September 1, 2003, without review by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW). However, if you petition the PSCW, any rate increase will be subject to refund and the Commission may conduct an investigation to determine different rates or charges in lieu of this change. If sufficient petitions are filed to require PSCW review, the PSCW could determine that the Company's proposed rate increase is reasonable and make final the rates listed in this notice; the PSCW could determine that lower rates are required and order a refund; or the PSCW investigation could result in rates higher than those listed in this notice.

The Mosinee Telephone Company Proposed Rate Increase Effective September 1, 2003

Description	Current	Proposed	Description	Current	Proposed
	Rates	Rates	2 0001.150.011	Rates	Rates
Residence – Main Line	\$11.71	\$12.75	Directory Assistance per call	.45	.55
Bus 1-Party & Pay Station	24.90	26.00	Auto Callback	1.60	2.00
Business Multi-Line – Key	30.38	31.50	Custom Calling Discount 2+	(.30)	(.50)
PBX Trunk	41.33	42.50			
3-Way Calling- Business	1.95	2.50	3-Way Calling – Residence	1.60	2.00
Speed Calling 30 Code –	3.25	4.00	Speed Calling 30 Code –	2.90	3.50
Business			Residence		
Speed Calling 8 Code –	1.95	2.50	Speed Calling 8 Code –	1.60	2.00
Business			Residence		
Call Waiting - Business	1.95	2.50	Call Waiting – Residence	1.60	2.00
Call Forwarding – Business	1.95	2.50	Call Forwarding – Residence	1.60	2.00
Call Forward – No Answer –	1.95	2.50	Call Forward – No Answer –	1.60	2.00
Business			Residence		
Call Forward – Busy – Bus	1.95	2.50	Call Forward – Busy – Res	1.60	2.00
Ring Again – Business	1.95	2.50	Ring Again – Residence	1.60	2.00
Distinctive Ringing -	11.75	12.75	Distinctive Ringing -	5.50	7.00
Business			Residence (Teen Line)		
Voice Mail Basic - Business	4.20	5.00	Voice Mail Basic – Res	1.60	2.00
Voice Mail Enhanced I –	5.20	6.00	Voice Mail Enhanced I –	2.60	3.00
Business		<u> </u>	Residence		
Voice Mail Enhanced II -	6.20	7.00	Voice Mail Enhanced II –	3.60	4.00
Business	****		Residence		
Alternate Answering Service	.95	1.20	Auto Recall	1.60	2.00
Busy Line Transfer Service	.95	1.20	Selective Call Rejection	1.60	2.00
Message Waiting Tone	.30	.35	Selective Call Acceptance	1.60	2.00
Caller ID – Name Only or	3.90	5.00	Selective Call Forwarding	1.60	2.00
Number Only					
Caller ID – Name and	6.50	8.00	Caller ID - Call Waiting	.95	1.20
Number					

The procedure for filing a petition with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is shown on the reverse side of this page. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (715) 693-2622.

## **Petition Procedure**

If you wish to petition for the Commission review of this rate change, you must obtain a minimum of 500 customer signatures. This is the number required by law to have the rate increase made subject to refund and to have the Public Service Commission determine rates, tolls, and charges.

- One signature is allowed per customer. (Thus, a family of three which is billed for one line cannot sign three names; and a businessperson who is billed for four lines cannot sign four times; but an individual who has both residential and business service in his or her name can sign the petition twice.)
- ✓ For residential service, only a person whose name appears on the telephone bill may sign the petition.
- Step 1: Obtain a blank petition form from us at The Mosinee Telephone Company, 410 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Mosinee, Wisconsin 54455 or from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, Telecommunications Division, at the address stated below.

If you wish, you may prepare your own petition. If you prepare your own petition, you need only write or type on the top of a sheet of paper the name of the telephone company and a statement that the signers want the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to determine rates, tolls, and charges and to order refunds if appropriate. The sheet of paper should also contain:

- 1. The name, address, and phone number of the person circulating the petition.
- 2. Spaces for the signature, address, and telephone number of each customer signing the petition.
- <u>Step 2</u>: Obtain the required number of customer signatures. You do not need to notarize the petitions.
- Step 3: File the signed petitions with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. This can be done by hand delivery or by mailing the petition(s) to:

Secretary to the Commission
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
610 N. Whitney Way
P.O. Box 7854
Madison WI 53707-7854

Step 4: Be certain that the petition(s) are received at the Commission's office by the **deadline**, which is **August 29**, **2003**. The Commission will not accept petitions that it receives after 4:30 p.m. on this date.

If you have questions about the petition procedure, the rate changes, or the relevant statutes, please call The Mosinee Telephone Company at (715) 693-2622 or the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in Madison at (800) 225-7729.